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FOR: **TOOL ASSEMBLY FOR SURGICAL STAPLING DEVICE**

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- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.

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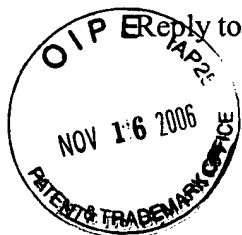
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of the United States Patent and Trademark Office dated August 14, 2006, please consider the following remarks:

**Listing of the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.

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